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Idaho Milk Production Up 5.3 Percent

Idaho milk production during January 2011 totaled 1.08 billion pounds, a 5.3 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 1.0 percent from December 2010, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. December 2010 milk production was revised to 1.07 billion pounds, up 5 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in January 2011 was 1,880 pounds, up 20 pounds from January 2010. The average number of milk cows during January was 574,000 head, up 23,000 from January 2010, but unchanged from December 2010.

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 15.2 billion pounds, up 2.7 percent from January 2010. December revised production at 15.0 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from December 2009. The December revision represented a decrease of 17 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1.813 pounds for January, 29 pounds above January 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.40 million head, 82,000 head more than January 2010, and 14,000 head more than December 2010.